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SUBJECT: LABOR-COST SHARING NEGOTIATIONS

1. ACCORDING TO JULY 8 FRONT PAGE ARTICLE IN ASAHI, DEFENSE FACILITIES ADMINISTRATION AGENCY (DFAA) HAS TENTATIVELY DECIDED TO ASSUME SOME INDIRECT COSTS OF USFJ JAPANESE LABOR FORCE. ARTICLE NOTED THAT, ALTHOUGH MUCH WILL DEPEND ON FUTURE NEGOTIATIONS, DFAA INTENDED TO BE RESPONSIVE TO US REQUESTS FOR COST RELIEF ON SUCH ITEMS AS HEALTH INSURANCE, ADMINISTRATION AND WELFARE. IT WAS ALSO REPORTEDLY STUDYING MEASURES REGARDING RETIREMENT ALLOWANCES AND OTHER KINDS OF ALLOWANCES. ARTICLE SPECIFICALLY NOTED THAT THESE COSTS WERE DIFFERENT IN NATURE FROM THOSE WHICH US WAS OBLIGATED TO PAY UNDER ARTICLE 24 OF SOFA AND THAT THEY WERE ALSO FOR PURPOSE OF MAINTAINING THE "LABOR ENVIRONMENT" FOR BASE EMPLOYEES. ARTICLE POINTED OUT THAT QUESTION OF HOW MUCH OF EXPENSES GOJ
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SHOULD BEAR HAD NOT BEEN WORKED OUT, BUT SUGGESTED THEY WOULD BE IN 2-5 BILLION YEN RANGE.

2. ARTICLE STATED THAT DFAA WAS TAKING POSITIVE ATTITUDE TOWARD ASSUMING SOME INDIRECT LABOR COSTS IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN WORKING CONDITIONS OF BASE EMPLOYEES AND TO SEPARATE LABOR-COST PROBLEM FROM MORE GENERAL PRESSURES FOR

SHARING GREATER DEFENSE BURDEN.

3. COMMENT. ALTHOUGH DFAA VIEWS AS REFLECTED IN ASAHI ARTICLE TEND TO LIMIT GOJ CONTRIBUTIONS TO "INDIRECT" COSTS AREA, MENTION OF DFAA WILLINGNESS TO STUDY QUESTION OF RETIREMENT ALLOWANCES AND HINT OF POSSIBLE FLEXIBLE APPROACH TO SOFA ARTICLE 24 ARE ENCOURAGING. ARTICLE, CARRIED ONLY IN ASAHI, STRIKES US AS DELIBERATE EFFORT ON PART OF DFAA TO BEGIN LAYING GROUNDWORK FOR ESTABLISHING CONSENSUS FOR HELPFUL APPROACH TO LABOR-COST QUESTION. IT IS , HOWEVER FAR TOO EARLY TO START COUNTING THE MONEY.
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